

FAIR PLAY DEMANDED ON THE PART OF RADIO TRANSMITTING STATIONS

RADIO OPERATORS BY TESTING SETS CAUSE NUISANCE

Interference Can Only
Be Overcome by Care
Of Transmitters.

LAW INSUFFICIENT Unnecessary Disturbances Prove Annoying to All Listeners-in.

Congress has delayed enforcing laws and providing the necessary officials for the regulation of radio traffic. In Washington, as in other cities, there is need for an exercise of fair play on the part of transmitting operators. Consideration for other broadcasting stations will be the only solution of the problem of interference, regardless of the number of radio traffic laws eventually enacted and enforced. Transmitting stations are licensed by the Department of Commerce to operate on certain wave lengths and with a definite power output. There is assigned to each transmitting station a schedule of hours when that station is free to send. The wave length assigned and the station's call are published in the Radio Call Book. This data, together with the hours scheduled for transmission are published in the daily papers. Everyone, therefore, may know who is scheduled to transmit.

Testing Is Blamed.
Spark and low-power C. W. stations are licensed to test for experimental purposes at nearly any hour of the day or night. It is because of the laxity of the law concerning these smaller stations that much of the interference in the air is due. The larger stations are likewise licensed at times for prolonged testing periods. All transmitting operators have the temptation, if not the habit, of opening up regularly without first listening-in to learn if anyone happens to be transmitting a regular schedule or a message of importance.

The need, therefore, is not for a law book with detailed accounts of when and where to operate the radio transmitter, but rather the cultivation on the part of radio operators of the habit of listening-in previous to opening up. If no one else is broadcasting, or if no important transmission is going on, then it is proper to open up on low power and announce a test period. Much of the interference today is caused by operators who test too much, who keep up an incessant whistling or talking. This disturbance aggravates the powerful listener-in, who is in the majority today and who has no means for voicing his displeasure through space.

Each Must Await Turn.
Just as pedestrians and motorists must await their turn at street crossings that traffic may proceed unobstructed, so must the air be kept reasonably clear for the benefit of other operators, who have a right to transmit, and for the listener-in. It is annoying in a movie to have a person read the picture titles aloud. Most persons prefer a watch and read for themselves. The same is true of the listener-in. He prefers to keep his thoughts on one subject or musical selection so long as possible. Interruptions of a half dozen meaningless conversations are unwarranted. Static is preferable to such noises, for at least everyone is interested in static, and everyone knows static is unavoidable interference.

Must Play Fair.
Better times are coming to ease of the present disturbed condition of the atmosphere. Radio enthusiasts are going to play fair and censure the air intruder. There will be a stoppage of the nuisance by action of the operators themselves. Congress will enact sufficient laws to properly regulate radio traffic. The possibilities of the new Armstrong circuit and others which may be developed to make available the lower wave lengths will help the situation greatly. For the present, however, the public must play fair. Operators must restrict their private conversations to a minimum, so the majority of persons who today form the large class of listener-in may secure the utmost enjoyment from their radio receiving sets.

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LOCAL STATIONS DAILY.
NAA-NAVAL RADIO STATION.
10:30 a. m.—Meteorological report on 5,950 meters of arc transmitter.
12 m. and 10 p. m.—Time signal, weather report, ship orders.
10:30 p. m.—Naval press news. Wavelength, 2,650 meters.
WWX-POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT STATION.
10 a. m.—Weather report; 10:30 a. m., marketgram; 5 p. m., Dairy products for New York and grain report. All radiophone on 1,160 meters.
12:30 p. m.; 2:15 p. m.; 3:30 p. m., C. W. telegraph marketgram on 1,960 meters.
7:30 p. m., radio marketgrams; 9:30 p. m., weather report. All radiophone on 1,160 meters.
360 METERS UNLESS NOTED.
WMU-Doubleday-Hill Electric Company.
4:30-5:30—Music. Baseball scores from The Herald.
WEAS-The Hecht Co.
3 to 4 p. m.—Variety.
MONDAY-WPM-Thomas J. Williams, Inc.
8 p. m.—Lecture and music.
TUESDAY-WJH-White and Boyer.
7:45 to 10 p. m.—Music and lecture.
WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY-NOF.
8:30 to 9:30 p. m.—Music, 412 meters.
WATCH HERALD DAILY SCHEDULE FOR PROGRAM.

RADIO MESSAGES TO MARS UNLIKELY

Question of Planet Being Inhabited Is Still in Doubt.

Mars will be within 42,000,000 miles of the earth today. Telescopes in various quarters of the globe will be trained on the planet to observe the condition of its surface and to determine the extent and formation of outlines resembling canals and mountain ranges. These investigations will be made by men of the highest scientific training and with apparatus designed to make most accurate measurements during the brief period of time the planet turns toward the earth.

So far as radio is concerned there is at present only the remotest possibility that communication will be established with Mars at this time. This possibility must first be based on whether or not Mars is inhabited.

No evidence is at hand to indicate there is any definite stopping line for radio waves. Under certain conditions they are said to traverse infinite space. This is indicated in strays and static effects, when it is not known how far these electromagnetic waves have traveled. If the Martians have extremely sensitive receiving apparatus or extremely powerful transmitting apparatus there is a possibility that we may hear from them through space and establish radio communication with their planet. If there is apparently any regularity of radio messages picked up either on earth or Mars there is some basis of hope that the peoples of the two planets are aware of each other's presence. So far no such regularity on which to base a scientific claim has been noted.

Regularity of messages once established there will arise the task of deciphering the code. It is scarcely possible that the Martians will have a language similar to any or all those spoken on earth. There is but one universal expression on earth and that is mathematics. Mathematical symbols in general are understood by all the earth's inhabitants and their meaning is universally interpreted. It is reasonable to expect then that mathematical symbols will be the first transmitted. All persons will be justified in listening-in and tabulating data during this approach of Mars to earth, even though the distance is 42,000,000 miles. According to astrologists, Mars symbolizes not only the God of War, but the planet is also said to rule the energy and pluck of men, making them fond of science and mechanical contrivances. This part of man's nature is not symbolized in any other planet.

Returning to reason and what might be expected to occur at this time or in the immediate future, the tabulation of accurate data as to odd radio messages received, its comparison with messages received at different stations on earth, and a scientific perusal of this data to

IN THE AIR TODAY.

WASHINGTON.
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10:30 p. m.—Naval press news. Wavelength, 2,650 meters.
360 METERS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
WDM-CHURCH OF THE COVENANT.
11 a. m.—Morning service, sermon by Dr. Charles Wood, D. D., pastor.
8 p. m.—Evening service, sermon by Dr. Wood.

KDKA-PITTSBURGH.
10 a. m.—Services of the Emory Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. W. Wofford T. Duncan, minister.
1:45 p. m.—Children's Bible story, "The Lost Boy Who Wasn't Lost."
2 p. m.—Radio Chapel, Rev. W. V. Bacon, pastor Duquesne Baptist Church.
8:30 p. m.—Services of the Calvary Episcopal Church, Rev. E. J. Etten, rector.

WJZ-NEWARK, N. J.
(Deduct one hour.)
2 p. m.—Radio Chapel services, sermon by Rev. Christian Reiser, D. D.
4:15 p. m.—Recital by the "St. Mary the Virgin Choir."
6:30 p. m.—Readings and records from "The Bubble Books That Sing," by Ralph Mayhew.
8:45 p. m.—Sandman stories told by Kasper Seidel.
7 p. m.—Adventure stories in the Far North for boys and girls from 8 to 14 years of age.
7:45 p. m.—"Renovation of the Family Clothes," by Prof. Laura I. Baldi, School of Practical Arts, Teachers' College, Columbia University.
8 p. m.—"Eat and Grow Thin," by Susanna Corcroft, the only woman in America who had U. S. officers detailed to carry out her instruction in setting-up exercises, military drill, etc., in Washington during the war. At one time she had 3,500 women and seventy-five officers, from lieutenants to colonels, under her direction on the White House lawn.
8:45 p. m.—Recital by Sari Issner, pianist.
9:30 p. m.—Joint recital by Mme. Radomsha, soprano from the Boston Opera Company, and Orestes Biora, tenor.

KYW-CHICAGO.
2:30 p. m.—Radio Chapel, "Modern Religious Concerts," by the Rev. F. R. Godolphin, rector of the Grace Episcopal Church of Oak Park.

test the probability of its being sent from Mars or some celestial source, is desirable. There is as much justification for tabulating such information as for the astronomer to carefully make notations of the movements and appearances of the heavenly bodies. Results obtained by such methods will then be based on scientific fact and will be withdrawn from the field of speculation which governs all present reports on radio communication with Mars.

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First Sermon Broadcasted From Pittsburgh
January 2, 1921.

The first church service to be sent out in its entirety by wireless was delivered by Dr. Van Etten on January 2, 1921, from the Calvary church, Pittsburgh. Since then sermons have been broadcasted every Sunday by Dr. Van Etten—and more recently by other clergymen also, says Natalie E. Weiner in the New York Globe. Dr. Van Etten's sermons are the only ones on record, however, which are delivered from a church as part of a service and literally as presented to a visible congregation. All of the other sermons are given at the transmitting stations from which they are broadcasted.

This is the way it is done. Calvary church is equipped with several microphones operated by a

switchboard and placed in inconspicuous little black boxes in the pulpit, one at the lectern and several in the chancel of the church to catch the choir's singing. The service is thus carried by telephone to the K D K A station, where it is broadcasted to the large congregation waiting in its respective parlors within a radius of hundreds of miles. The church's latest miracle.

New Service to Religion.
A very real religious service in the true sense of the term is that of bringing sermons and services from other churches, and clergymen of other faiths, to folks who have never and who would in all probability never in the future hear how the religious worship is carried on in other churches of other faiths than their own. Remote as the question of religious tolerance would on first thought seem, from the fields of science and of radio, on further thought it appears an ideal medium for bringing home to people the thought that their own faith may not, perhaps, have a complete monopoly on the truth about the universe.

Dr. Van Etten said in one of his sermons:
First Cable Message Recalled.
"I remember my grandmother telling the story of the first cable message across the Atlantic. There had been several attempts made. Doubts and sarcasms were freely expressed. Men termed the idea a

foolish dream. 'Moonshine,' they called it—a fairy tale! At last, when all was in readiness, a message was actually ticked across those miles of water. The words of that first cablegram were these: 'What hath God wrought?' Some how the wonder of that moment went deeper than congratulation and praise of men. It struck a deeper note than self-adulation or self-satisfaction. Men were startled and silenced with awe and reverence. They seemed to see the time when a fairy tale came true. Perhaps all fairy tales may then come true! What hath God wrought! 'Tonight we are all thinking of another modern fairy tale. If someone had told you ten years ago

that I should stand here tonight and speak to hundreds of people many miles away; if anyone had promised a woman shut home for years that tonight she could hear

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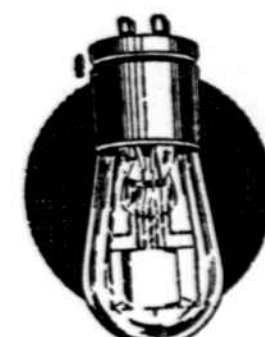
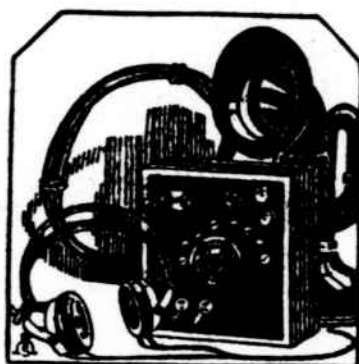
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